Granting Permits Therefor.

Persons of AnysPortion of

the Public Streets.

The attorney for the District today ad-

vised the Commissioners that the placing of small stands, tables, etc., on the public

thoroughfares for the purpose of displaying

wares for sale is unlawful, such stands,

tables, etc., being in the opinion of the at-

The opinion rendered was based upon the

adjoining the structure on one of the busi-

less streets of the city near the sidewalk

sloners were asked to authorize his occu-pation with his little stand of the public

space.
They referred the matter to their attor-

Clear and Explicit.

explicit declaration by Congress on the

subject of the occupation of the public

space, that I am unable to advise that

even the cases of meritorious unfortunates

can be considered as exceptions. The stat-

ute makes no exceptions. It leaves no room for the exercise of discretion by the Com-

"In the case of District against Monroe Mack & Mack, 348, Mr. Justice Cox, re-

ferring to the above-mentioned section of

pared to say that an obstruction might not

also be occupation. Ithink it may, often, What under ordinary circumstances would be a temporary obstruction would, if allowed to remain and occupy a part of the street, become an occupation of it."

"The tables used by these persons are undoubtedly obstructions in the public street, and if allowed to remain the public street,

and, if allowed to remain, they are occupa-tions of it. I am unable to suggest any different course of procedure in respect of

the subject from that which is now pur

It is believed that this opinion of their

attorney the Commissioners will approve, and that they will then direct the chief of

DEMAND FOR POSITIONS.

Three Thousand Applications for One

Hundred Places.

Secretary Wilson of the Department of

Agriculture has gone on a six weeks' trip

through the northwest and on the Pacific

coast. He will investigate many agricul-

tural interests while away with a view to

recommending legislation when Congress

meets. During his absence or until Assist-

ant Secretary Bingham returns Professor

Willis S. Moore, chief of the weather

bureau, will be acting secretary of agricul-

Before Mr. Wilson left for the west he

provided for certain changes to be made in the force of his department to meet the

requirements of the last appropriation bill

This required the furleughing for three months of about twenty-five of those on

the laborers' roll and a reduction in salary

for a like period of about the same num-ber of the employes of the department. He hopes to avoid further changes detri-

TO EXPRESS HIS APPRECIATION.

Secretary of State.

The French ambassador, M. Cambon, has

returned from a trip to New England, and

called at the State Department today to

express personally to Secretary Hay his

which was presented to him Saturday as

The letter which accompanied the cup

was borne by Secretary Hay's personal

"The Department of State, June 29, 1899.

"The President directs me to request your

"JOHN HAY."

acceptance of this cup, which he has caus-

Col. Leonhauser Exonerated.

quiry of charges of incapacity or neglect of

duty in connection with the mutinous con-

duct of that regiment on the occasion of its

muster out at Augusta, Ga. The court

found that Colonel Leonhauser did his best

to quell the mutiny, and had not failed in his military duty. Major General Miles and the Secretary of War approved the

findings of the court, and no further action

will be taken. It will be remembered that General Young very bitterly criticised the conduct of the officers of this regiment, which aroused their intense indignation.

Naval Orders.

Lieut. H. A. Bispham has been ordered to

Passed Assistant Paymaster P. V. Mohun

Paymaster G. W. Simpson, from the New-

Paymaster J. R. Martin, to the Richmond.

Ralph W. Plummer, appointed assistant

canal commission.
Lieut. F. Swift of the navy has been

Murder of an Old Couple.

at Oneona, Cal., on a ranch at Snow Line.

dead in their home Saturday. Baker's

Jonathan Baker and his wife, who lived

relieving Pay Inspector J. B. Redfield, who is ordered to the navy yard, Norfolk.

has been ordered to the Newark.

ed to be made in token of the service.

the gift of the nation.

Excellency:

dient servant.

he torpedo station.

petice to act accordingly.

the Revised Statutes, said: 'I am not

torney obstructions.

which says:

missioners.

Commissioner Wight's Views of Fire Department Needs,

THE EQUIPMENT NOT SUFFICIENT

The Lesson Taught by Conditions During Recent Fire.

CITY WITHOUT PROTECTION

yesterday morning, in the opinion of Com-Wig'it, who has immediate charge of the fire department, again demonstrated the necessity for a further inerease in the strength of the department, which today consists of fourteen steam enchemical engines and four trucks. The current District appropriation act provides for an increase of the department to the extent of a truck company in Columbia Heights, one in Georgetown and chemical company in Tenleytown. Mr. Wight hopes to be able to place these three w companies in service early in the coming year. But he feels that, even with their addition, the department will not be as

strong as it should be, believing that there should at least be another steam engine ompany in South Washington, one in Georgetown and a truck company in South Washington. Mr. Wight also feels that it will be well to have one or two more chemical engine companies. He is therefore exed to recommend to his associates that further increase of the fire department to about this extent be asked of Congress when it meets next December. During the fire at Smith's lumber yard esterday it became necessary to call into ervice there eleven of the steam engine companies and three of the four truck com-panies, and these companies remained in service at the fire for several hours. This left in quarters but three steam engine companies, Nos. 5, 7 and 11, truck B. and

two chemical companies. No. 5 was ansferred from Georgetown to the house No. 1, K street between 16th and 17th; o. 7 was transferred to the house of No. D street between 14th and 15th streets, while the other four companies remained at their respective houses. No. 11 being located n Mt Pleasant the truck at New Hampavenue and M street, one of the chemengines on D street between 12th and streets, and the other at Brightwood. The whole District was, therefore, left for veral hours with only these six companies

Need of More Reserve Engines.

While recognizing the necessity for the calling into service of so large a number of he companies of the fire department at the South Washington fire, Mr. Wight is of the opinion that the department should be so enlarged as to enable it to keep in reserve everal more companies than were in quarters during the progress of this fire yesterday. This, however, cannot well be done until the strength of the department is increased by the addition of several more companies even than those provided for in the current appropriation bill.

The fire yesterday morning demonstrated also the necessity for some arrangement by which fire alarm headquarters can communicate directly with the officer in charge of a fire. In Baltimore and other cities every fire alarm box is provided with a telephone appliance, by means of which fire alarm headquarters can be directly communicated with. When a box is soundd in these cities a man is stationed, upon the arrival of the companies of the fire de-partment upon the scene of the fire, at the box, and there he remains until the companies return to their quarters. By this ar-rangement the officer in charge at the scene of the fire can be immediately reached, and thereby kept fully informed as to fires occurring in other parts of the city. Here there is, unfortunately, no such convenience, it being necessary to communi-cate through outside telephones with the

New Telephone Service.

This means of communication is, of , very unsatisfactory in every way. C. Allen, the District electrical engineer, to equip the District fire alarm boxes with telephone appliances. Mr. Allen is already at work in the matter, and it is expected that within a reasonably short time every box in the District will be so equipped, and at comparatively little expense. When this is accomplished a man will be stationed at the box sounded immediately upon the ar rival of the companies on the scene of the and direct telephonic communication be thereby established between fire alarm headquarters and the officer in com-

mand at the fire.
It having been charged that box 536, 4th and N streets southeast, was first pulled for the Smith fire, and that it failed to work, whereupen box 528, located just within the navy yard, was pulled, Commissioner Wight investigated the matter today, with the re sult that he found that the navy yard bo was the first one pulled, at 12:59 o'clock a m., while box 536, which is located almos directly at the scene of the fire, was pulled a minute rater. The pulling of the navy yard box, while it called in the first instance four engine and two truck compa-nies to the scene, caused the companies to run several squares out of their way, and for that reason somewhat delayed their ar-rival at the fire, it is stated. It is understood that hereafter the naval authoritie will be requested to direct that the navy yard box be sounded only for a fire in the

Personating Secret Service Men.

Chief Wilkie of the secret service is re ceiving reports from a number of states that impostors are personating secret service men and swindling hotel men out of board, as well as inducing confiding people to cash worthless checks. There has been a fresh outbreak of this swindling since the big haul of the secret service in Pennsylvania. Chief Wilkie says that secret service men never go around proclaiming their business, and that they always have mone-to pay cash for what they want.

Death From Rheumatic Fever. Gen. Brooke, at Havana, has notified the War Department of the death of J. S.

Sparks, a civilian employe of the quartermaster's department, at Matanzas on the 30th ultimo from rheumatic fever. The Case of Mrs. Rich. The Mexican consul at El Paso, Tex. has informed the embassy here that the hearing of the case of Mrs. Rich has been concluded and that the United States commissioner will probably announce his de-

cision on the question of extradition some time this week. The case will then come to the President for final raview. It is attracting more than passing attention, as it resembles the Maybrick case, Mrs. Rich being an American woman wanted for the alleged murder of her husband in a foreign country, and, moreover, it is the first ca under the new extradition treaty

In the Naval Service. From a statement prepared at the Navy

Department at the close of the fiscal year there were 16,123 men enlisted in the naval service, 2,147 of whom were enlisted for the war only. There were 798 boys under instruction.

Against Electoral Reform

LIEGE, July 2.-On the dispersal of the civic guard yesterday morning after the usual parade, 250 guardsmen proceeded to the Socialist Club, carrying arms reversed, as a sign of eapitulation.

They greeted an invitation to return to quarters with derisive whistling. On a meeting being organized in the club house several guards spoke in condemnation of the electoral reform bill and pledged them-selves to continue the agitation. Others ad-dressed the crowd from the club balcony.

"Our cry used to be 'Le Roi et la Patrie,' but if the king fails in his duty we shall cry 'Vive is Patrie."

State Senator Flanagan.

Result of Bitter Feeling Engendered by Political Rivalry-The Dead Man a Republican.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. RICHMOND, Va., July 3.-W. G. Pilkinon, commonwealth's attorney of Powhatan county, shot and killed State Senator Wm. M. Flanagan this morning at Powhatan Court House. The two men were rival candidates in the May election for the attorneyship of the county, Flanagan being the republican and Pilkinton the democratic can-didate. Flanagan, who held the office, was defeated by Pilkinton. The feeling between the two has been very bitter.

OUTRAGE ON A CHINAMAN. Dr. Yung Wing, a Yale Student. Victim of Prince Ching.

VICTORIA, B. C., July 3,-According to the Pekin correspondent of the North China Daily News, Dr. Yung Wing, LL. D., of Yale University was studying medicine and law at Yale up to three months ago, when he was visited by a Chinese, with whom he left Yale for the west. It has since been learned that the Chinese brought to Dr. Yung Wing letters and papers from Prince Ching, conferring upon him a position under the imperial Chinese government providing he accompanied the bearer of the letters to Shanghai. The doctor accepted the position, and he and the Chinese friend sailed on the steamer Coptic for Shanghai. As soon as the Chinese were put ashore in the launch which took them from the Coptic at Woo Sung they were met by a number of Chinese, who bound the doctor and threw him into a bamboo cage, in which he was carried to Peking. On the arrival at the Chinese capital the doctor was imprisoned in a temple. While there he was horribly tortured, his body being burned with hot irons.

It was given out by the local authorities that Dr. Yung Wing was imprisoned be-cause he was believed to have had rela-tions in or connecting with the late unfortunate reform movement, but it is alleged that in reality he was made a prisoner by Prince Ching, who hoped to extort money from his friends. This scheme was nipped in the bud by an American resident of Peking, to whom the doctor managed to send word of his predicament and who suc-ceeded in effecting his release.

ONE MILLION DOLLARS ABOARD. Arrival of the Tees at Vancouver

With Gold From the Klondike. VANCOUVER, B. C., July 3.-The steamer Tees arrived last evening from the north with a large party of returning Dawson miners. Wallace Haywood, a sergeant of lecal police, brought out \$55,000 in gold dust. Eight other miners had heavy boxes of the precious metal. Capt. Gosse report-

MURDERED TWO MERCHANTS.

Masked Men Enter an Arizona Store and Kill the Proprietors.

ed \$1,000,000 on board.

PRESCOTT, Ariz., July 3.-Two young merchants, J. M. Rodgers and Clinton D. Wingfield, were murdered in their place of business at Camp Verde last midnight. Two masked men entered the store and ordered Rodgers and Wingfield to throw up their hands. They followed this with a volley of shots, killing both merchants. The shooting attracted neighbors, and the robbers fled without getting at the safe, which con-tained a large sum of money.

DISASTROUS BUSH FIRES.

Part of the Pulp Mills Owned by Sec-

QUEBEC, July 3.-Bush fires have been very disastrous in the province during the last two days. At Grande Mere, where immense pulp works are owned principally by Gen. Russell A. Alger, the chip conveyor was destroyed, as were also some cars of belonging to the Lower Laurentian railway, and some telegraph poles. The damage cannot at present be ascertained.

The town of Garthby has been entirely destroyed and 400 people were rendered homeless. The loss there is \$80,000, with but little insurance.

The village of Mitchell, on the Inter-Colonial railway, is burning, but will prot

ably be partly saved. Increase in Saengerbunds.

NEW YORK, July 3.-The delegates to the second annual convention of the Arbeiter Saengerbund of the Northeastern States, which is holding its sessions in this city, held a business session this morning. The board of officers rendered a report showing that there are sixty-three Saen-gerbunds in the New England and Atlantic cast states, an increase over the number A message of greeting was wired to the

Northwestern Saengerbunds, who are hold-ing their annual convention in Milwaukee.

A Minister Chosen Chairman. BUFFALO, N. Y., July 3.-The Rev. B. Fay Mills of Boston was chosen chairman of today's conference of the National Social and Political Association, Bolton Hall, chairman of the committee on resolutions read the report of the committees, which olutions on woman suffrage, the Buchanan plan of organization and anti-

Talking Over Grievances. NEW YORK, July 3.-President C. L. Rossiter of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit ompany today received a delegation representing the corporation's employes, who were authorized to present the grievances which have occasioned the talk of a strike

upon the surface and elevated street rail-

way lines of Brooklyn. The result of the onference has not been made known. Cost of Philippine Transport Service. SAN FRANCISCO, July 3.-The Examiner prints in tabluted form a statement show ing the cost of the transport service on this coast since the war began. The total is placed at \$5,930,218, of which \$4,223,400 was expended in chartering twenty-two vessels. The amount spent on these transports when they were not in actual use, being held in port either here or at Manila, is placed at \$738,951. The remainder of the total co

of the service was used in the purchase of vessels and their fitting up, for coal, wa-ter, etc. The figures are not official, but are said to be based on close estimates Speculating on Menocal's Successor.

HAVANA, July 3 .- The successor of General Menocal as chief of police is causing much speculation. At least three promi nent candidates are in the field. General Cardenas has probably the best chance, if merit alone is considered. General Rodriguez, backed by Gomez, is considered a dangerous opponent, while General Castil-lo's friends claim he is certain of appoint-The rival claims are being

Want Mileage Rate of Pay.

NEW YORK, July 3.-Trainmen repreenting the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors called on President W. H. Truesdale of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad today and arranged for a conference next week between representatives of their organizations and the officials of the railroad. Mr. Truesdale said the men wanted pay on the mileage basis instead of a ce tain amount per month. The former sys-tem is much in vogue on western roads. The mileage rate would mean more pay for the men, he said, but how much he was unable to tell at present.

Divorce Granted.

Lucy A. Willard was today granted a divorce from Charles D. Willard, Chief Justice Bingham signing the decree. Desertion was the ground on which the suit was brought December 16 last.

Commonwealth's Attorney Pilkinton Kills Panic-Stricken Throngs Rush From a Burn- Opinion of Attorney Duvail Adverse to District Supreme Court Issues Order Affect- Six More Works Meet the Amalgamated ing Building.

> Women Leap From Windows and Receive Serious Injuries-Exciting Scenes and Incidents.

CHICAGO, July 3.-One hundred frenzied women and twenty men rushed panicstricken from the three-story factory of the Western Paper Stock Company at 14th street and Indiana avenue to escape being burned to death today. Eight women were injured in leaping from the windows and many more jumped in safety. It is possible some may have been killed, as in the ex citement it was impossible to keep track of the occupants after they had left the blazing structure. The injured are: Anna Pretrosue, fell from third-story window, back injured; Agnes Cznewski, burned about feet and hands; Alberta Blenes, back injured; Agnes Labuda, head cut; Frances Drapa, fell from third floor, back injured; Maggie Zgede, feet burned: France bada, overcome by smoke; Mary Barczki, feet and hands injured. But for the efforts of John Gregson, an

employe of the company, and James Hughes, an elevator conductor in St. Luke's Hospital, which is about half a block from Hospital, which is about hair a block from the paper concern's building, it is probable that many more of the panic-stricken wo-men would have suffered injuries. These men procured a ladder when they saw the women leaping from the windows and rescued dozens. The building was burned to the bare walls. The damage was about

COMPLAIN OF THE NOISE.

Citizens Object to Work at Night or Columbia Railway.

The District Commissioners recently received a communication from Mr. E. B. Smith, in which Mr. Smith and others complained of the noise alleged to be made by the Columbia Railway Company by working at night along the line of its The complainants requested the tracks. Commissioners to require the company to do the work in the daytime.

Today Mr. Smith was informed by the Commissioners that they have carefully investigated the matter, finding that the work in progress is the installation of the conductor-bars. This work, they explain it is impossible to do when the cable is in operation, and that if the work had to be done in the daytime it would amount to stopping it, with corresponding inconvenience to the general public. As the company is putting in about 1,000 feet of these conductor-bars each night, the Commissioners do not believe the same locality will be annoyed many nights in succession The company's officials have been seen b the Commissioners, and have promised to work as quietly as possible, with no more inconvenience to the people in the neigh-borhood than can be avoided.

Santiago Day in New York. NEW YORK, July 3.-The first anniversary of the naval victory of Santiago was celebrated in this city by a partial suspension of business and by the display of some bunting. The exchanges were closed, as were also many business houses, but the banks and city offices were open as usual. There was a large exodus of excursionists, who took advantage of the fine weather.

'Longshoreman Burned to Death. NEW YORK, July 3.-Owen Stroker, a longshoreman, was burned to death this morning in a fire in a furnished-room house on Market street. Several other persons had narrow escapes, as the flames spread very rapidly. Stroker was asleep, and was found dead in his bed. The fire did \$1,000

Secretary Wilson in the West. CHICAGO, July 3 .- Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, en route to his home in Iowa, arrived in Chicago last night. After a short stay in Iows he will travel to the Pacific coast, partly to take a summer rest, but also to investigate certain agricultural problems of that region.

Wants to Be Michigan's Governor. NILES, Mich., July 3 - Philip T Cole. grove of Hastings, has announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for governor. He is a well-known lawyer, and prominent in republican politics and was a state senator in 1889. For several years he was head of the Knights of Pythias organization of the world.

Brisgavia's Machinery Deranged. QUEENSTOWN, July 3 .- The new Ger man steamer Brisgavia, from Belfast for Baltimore, which put in here on June 9 to repair machinery, and sailed on June 25, has again put back here with machinery deranged.

Gold Movement in London. LONDON, July 3, 4 p.m.-Gold to the

of England today and f50,000 was withdrawn. The former amount was received from the United States. Gen. Miles Visiting John Sherman.

amount of £10,000 was taken into the Bank

MANSFIELD, Ohlo, July 3 .- Major General Nelson A. Miles arrived in the city Sunday and is at the home of ex-Secretary

Dandy's Passengers Suffered Little. NEW YORK, July 3.-The naphtha launch Dandy, with twelve men on board, which was reported missing last night, was found today stranded near Rockaway Beach. All on board were safe, and, beyond hunger and a wetting by the surf, which broke over the stranded craft at intervals, they had suffered little. The launch was towed off by an oyster sloop.

Jealousy Causes Terrible Tragedy MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa, July 3.-James Hoyka, a Bohemian, shot his young wife five times today and killed himself. The wife cannot recover. Jealousy caused

Drowned While Boating.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., July 3.-Michael Flinn and John Farrell were drowned in Grasse river, near High Falls, St. Lawrence county, yesterday. The two young men and Miner Stiles were boating, when their boat filled and sank. Stiles ashore, but Farrell went to the aid of Flinn, who could not swim, and both perished.

Manager of Claims Bureau. Mr. Griffin B. Coleman, formerly secreary and general manager of the Metropol-

itan Railway Company, has been placed at the head of the claims bureau of the Wash-ington Traction and Electric Company. Steamship Arrivals. BALTIMORE, July 3 .- Arrived: Steam

ships Juniata, Bond, Providence; Oxus (Br.) Rowland, Port Antonio; Swainby (Br.) Whalley, Cardiff; Ethelreda (Br.), Marsay Philadelphia; America (Nor.), Port Antonio.

Receiver for Building Association. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 3.-United States Circuit Judge Allen today appointed a receiver for the People's Building and Loan Association of Bloomington. The assets of the association are \$165,000; liabilities, \$218,000. Improperly secured loans, it is alleged, caused the receivership.

Pennsylvania Troops Coming Home. HARRISBURG, Pa., July 3.-Adjutant deneral Stewart received a cablegram last ight from Col. A. L. Hawkins, 16th Pennsylvania Regiment, announcing that his command had sailed Saturday from Manila for the United States, and that it will be mustered out at San Francisco.

Five Men Killed by Lightning. ULYSSES, Neb., July 3.-During an electric storm last night Victor and Ira Dobson, John Ames, jr., and two unknown men were struck by lightning and killed. The team they were driving was also killed. The bodies were not found until today.

WANTSMOREENGINES TRAGEDY IN VIRGINIA FRENZIED BY A FIRE STANDS ON PUBLIC STREETS PAYMENT OF AN AWARD SIGNING THE SCALES OPPOSES ATTORNEYS

ing Potomac Flats Claim.

Law Prohibits Occupation by Private Trustees of Easby Estate to Receive Amount Due the Heirs-Other Pending Claims.

> In connection with the Potomac flats cases, the Supreme Court of the District, in general term today, in the case of the United States against Martin F. Morris and others, on the recommendation of counsel on each side, made the following

"This cause coming on to be heard upon application of Mr. Henry E. Patterson, who the mandate of the Supreme Court of the recently applied to the Commissioners on United States, filed herein on June 15, 1899, behalf of a cripple, the latter making a it is, with the consent of counsel for the living by cleaning hats on the street. The heirs of the late William Easby, deceased, unfortunate man occupied a little stand or adjudged, ordered and decreed that the table, which he placed, with the consent sum of \$7,123.72, found to be due the estate of the owner of the building, in an alley of William Easby from the United States in payment for certain lots and parts of In view of the cripple's condition, and in view of the further fact that the owner of the building did not object, the Commisots in squares numbered 63, 89 and 129, in the city of Washington, District of Colum bia, be, and the same is hereby, made payable to Rose L. Easby and Fanny B. Easby, who were made parties to this cause, with the consent of the counsel for cause, with the consent of the counsel for the United States, on the 15th day of April, They referred the matter to their attorney for his opinion as to their authority in the matter, in connection with the general question of granting permits for the occupancy of public spate by persons engaged in similar business, with little tables on which to display their wares.

In his opinion, the attorney referred to 1895, claiming to represent the estate of the said William Easby as trustees under the terms and provisions of the fifth paragraph of his last will and testament."

Change Rendered Necessary. When this case was considered by the In his opinion the attorney referred to section 222 of the Revised Statutes of the Supreme Court of the United States it was United States relating to the District, decided that the amount named should be paid to the "heirs" of William Easby, but which says:
"No open space, public reservation or other public ground in the city of Washington, nor any portion of the public streets, avenues in said city, shall be occupied by any private person, or for any private purpose whatever." now it is found that this would be very inconvenient and a very unsatisfactory way of disposing of the matter, as the estate of the deceased is in the hands of trustees. The heirs of the deceased are also residents of different states, and for this reason the trustees have agreed that the amount of money in question, \$7,125.72, shall be paid to Rose L. and Fanny B. Easby, trustees of He then said: "This is such a clear and

the Easby estate. General Order Presented. The presiding judges in the hearing this afternoon were Chief Justice Bingham and Associate Justice Hagner. Messrs. Lambert & Lambert and Webb & Webb represent the Easby estate. Mr. Hugh T. Taggart, assistant district attorney, appeared

for the United States. A general order was presented to the court declaring that the present occupants and holders of the wharves and buildings tain their possession of the same until they shall have received compensation for any damages that may have been sustained in the ruling of the authorities, and in cases where the former holders have rented or leased their property to tenants and pending adjudication have received rent there-from, such holders are held to be entitled to continue to receive rents from their tenants until the further order of the court to be made when the values of the improve-ments and business along the water front

have been properly ascertained.

This is to be done according to the provisions of the decision of the Supremental Court. Arguments were in progress when The Star's report closed.

KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT IT.

ecretary Long on Reported Plan for Sampson's Squadron to Meet Dewey. Secretary Long said today that he knew nothing of the reported plan to have the North Atlantic squadron, under Rear Admiral Sampson, meet Admiral Dewey on the Olympia at the Azores and escort him to the United States. So far as he knew the plans of the North Atlantic squadron did not contemplate its leaving the shores did not contemplate its leaving the shores of New England. A press dispatch from Newport said that the proposed plan of Admiral Sampson for the welcome home of the hero of Manila bay had been approved by the President. It is not considered probable that such action had been taken without consultation with the Secretary of the Navy, and as that official says he knows nothing of the plans, it is barely possible that the Newport report had no foundation.

Closing the Departments Early,

and by this action was enabled to avoid dis-missing any one. There are now on file at the Department of Agriculture about 3,000 Tomorrow being a national holiday, all the executive departments will be closed. In order to permit the employes to make are filled. In addition to these 3,000 applipreparations for the proper observance of cations there have been about 8,000 oral applications for these places. The impossithe holiday all that could be spared from plications for these places. The impossi-bility of making appointments to these places is shown by the furloughs made last their regular duties were excused at an early hour this afternoon. The War De partment was practically closed at clock. The treasury force remained a work until the the Interior Department was closed at : The French Ambassador Calls on the and the Post Office Department at 2.

Pillsbury Defeats Steinitz.

LONDON, July 3.-The twenty-fifth roun of the international chess masters' tourna ment was played today, when the eighth gratitude for the beautiful loving cup round of the Berger system served for the pairing of the contestants as follows: Tschigorin vs. Bird, Mason vs. Cohn Blackburne vs. Schlechter, Lasker vs. Showalter, Steinitz vs. Pillsbury, Tinsley messenger, William Grinn, and was as

vs. Lee. Janowski and Maroczy had byes. The usual adjournment took place a 4:30 p.m., when Tschigorin had beaten Bird Mason and Cohn and Blackburne and Schlechter had adjourned their respective games in even positions. Lasker had dis-posed of Showalter, Steinitz had suffered defeat at the hands of Pillsbury and Tins-

kindly rendered us in the negotiations the protocol of August 12, 1898, which Boys Charged With Trainwrecking.

led to the treaty of peace between the United States and Spain. "I am further requested by the President SHAMOKIN, Pa., July 3.-Three Polish boys, Levi Korbisch, aged nine years, and to convey to you. Mr. Ambassador, the as brother, Michael, two years younger, and surances of his sincers regard and esteem.
"I remain, with sentiments of the highest consideration, your excellency's most obe-John Zamblok, seven years old, were arrested here today on the charge of having caused the wreck of express train No. 3 on the Philadelphia and Reading railroad near Buckridge switch last Friday after-noon, which resulted in the death of Fire-Colonel Leonhauser, late in command of man Roll Morgan. Man Roll Morgan.

After a number of witnesses had testified, the boys were committed to jail on the charge of manslaughter. Application for a the 15th Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, has been exonerated by an army court of in-

writ of habeas corpus will be made. No Consolidation Projected.

NEW YORK, July 3.-John D. Flower of Flower & Co. said today that so far as h knew no consolidation had been effected or was now projected between the Metropoli tan Street Railway Company, the Manhat tan Railway Company and the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company.

Alleged Impostor Arrested. A man who said his name is J. F. Mars

ton, a traveling evangelist, was arrested Saturday by a post office inspector at Charleston, Mo., on complaint of Miss Clara Barton, president of the Red Cross Society. who charges fraud in connection with his collections for the society. Marston was accompanied by his wife and family, and insisted that he is a duly authorized agent of the Red Cross Sector.

Consul McCook Sustained.

ark to this city, for duty as assistant chier of the bureau of supplies and accounts. Pay Director J. A. Smith, from the navy yard, League Island, and wait orders. Pay Director P. Lisle, from the navy yard, Norfolk, to the navy yard, League Island. The State Department having had some correspondence recently with United States Consul James McCook at Dawson City, N. W. T., regarding newspaper charges against surgeon.

Lieutenant Comffiander S. A. Staunton, flag seceretary of the North Atlantic squadron, has been relieved from duty on the flagship New York and ordered to special duty in connection with the isthmian canal commission. him of improper and undignified conduct. has dismissed the case. The investigation satisfied the officials that the consul, while perhaps indiscreet in the instance complained of, had suffered to some extenfrom persecution on account of prop Lieut. F. Swift of the navy has been placed on the retired list.

The resignation of Lieut. W. M. McFarland of the engineer department of the navy has been accepted to take effect July 5. Mr. McFarland, who is a native of this city, has accepted a highly responsible position with the Westinghouse Electric Company at Pittsburg. ethics which obtains in older communitie n Dawson, the action above indicated was

New Ocean Record. The British steamer New England of the Dominion line has established a new record between Queenstown and Boston

nine miles from Molinas Camp, were found Gautly, a lumbering village in county, Quebec, was almost wiped out by fire Saturday afternoon, fifty out of the sixty houses being destroyed, as well as a large quantity of lumber. The loss was beavy and the insurance small. nephew, named Diggs, is missing, and his wife informed the authorities of the murder. Diggs is charged with killing the old couple to secure their property.

Association Demand.

Employes in Iron Interest Seem to

Be Reaching Settlement.

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 3.-Today's mail

prought six more signed scales to the

Amalgamated Association's Pennsylvania

headquarters. They were for the Saltsburg

and Apollo works of P. H. Laufman & Co.

the Palmer Steel and Iron Company of

Muncie, Ind., the West Penn Sheet Steel

Company of Leechburg, Pa.; the Cleveland

Hardware Company of Cleveland, Ohio, and

the steel works of the Cumberland Steel

and Tin Plate Company of Cumberland, Md.

and Steel Company's South Side works

The company refused to sign, but agreed to

pay the rates called for in the scale to all

tonnage men, and the works are in full

operation.

At Jones & Laughlin's the No. 8 bar mill is still idle on account of the strike for an advancement, but No. 9 and No. 10 bar mills are running full.

The strikes at the mills of Spang, Chalfant & Co. at Etna and Moorboad Bross & Laughlin and Moorboad Bross & Co. at Etna and Moorboad Bross & Co.

COREAN RIOTERS EXECUTED.

Seoul as Warnings.

rioters who destroyed and burned the elec-

tric tramway cars at Seoul last month were

executed in public at Corea's capital four

weeks ago. They met their fate bravely.

Their heads were cut off and exhibited in

public places as a warning to all evil doers.

It was believed that this summary action

would also have important influence upon

the leaders of the Corean rebeilion, which

accounts the insurgents were marching to-

The emperor and his cabinet are thor-

oughly alarmed. A late message states that the government at Seoul has issued in-

structions to the garrisons of Kung Ju and

A telegram from Chimulpo says the Japanese charge d'affaires at Seoul has sent a letter to the Corean government ad-

vising it to abolish the laws for the punish

ment of accomplices in treason cases. This would allay the fears of those who, it is

alleged, are being kept in the insurgent ranks by threats of exposing them to pun-ishment by the government.

THREATEN REVOLUTION.

Belgian Socialists Take Extreme

Measures on Electoral Bill.

BRUSSELS, July 3. - The excitement

among politicians continues, though fur-

ther outbreaks are improbable until the

government's proposals are submitted to

the chamber, Tuesday, when, if satisfac-

tery, a permanent compromise may be ef-

fected, otherwise, the socialists threaten

extremes, even revolution. The bill satis-

fies only the clericals, and there is a strong

feeling, in which the socialists join, that new elections ought to be held before any change is effected in the way of redistribu-

tion of votes or seats. If the government, Tuesday, does not withdraw the electoral bill, or introduce a bill providing for uni-

versal suffrage, the working classes promose to precipitate matters by a general strike throughout the country. The government is between the devil and the deep sea. If they oppose universal suffrage they are

they oppose universal suffrage they are threatened with a revolution which may

sweep away the monarchy. On the other hand, universal suffrage is liable to result

in the return of such a large socialist and republican majority in the chamber that the monarchy will be equally threatened.

Canada's Deep Water Canals.

CHICAGO, July 3.-Chicago officials of

nsurrection.

Chull Ju to proceed to Kofu to suppress the

The scale was presented at the Oliver Iron

Attitude of the Commissioner of Pensions. Differences Between Employers and

JUST CLAIMS NEED NO ARGUMENT

The Bureau Will Give Aid in Seeking Missing Evidence.

UNSCRUPULOUS AGENTS

One of the most interesting features of the pension office is the law department. which occupies the rooms in the southeast corner of the third floor of the pension building. Here are kept the records of all those who have violated the pension laws, and in this department all of the cases investigated by special examiners are made up. Much of the work consists in receiving complaints, gathering evidence and investigating cases against pension attorneys. The files of the office are full of instances where the government has been systematically robbed through the efforts of these men.

The strikes at the mills of Spang, Chalfant & Co. at Etna and Moorhead Bros. & Co. at Sharpsburg are stiff unsettled. The latter plant is operating as usual with non-union men. It is believed at Amalgamated Association headquarters that the scale will be signed by Spang, Chalfant & Co. as soon as the repairs to the mill are completed. The firm has proposed to sign an agreement with the men to pay the rates demanded, but declines to recognize the Amalgamated Association. The system of prosecution of claims before the office is one which has been the subject of much unfavorable criticism and is productive of a great amount of unnecessary annoyance. The present commissioner of pensions is opposed to the system and has put himself on record as favoring the abolition of pension attorneys. In doing this he feels that he has the interest of the soldier at heart, for he is convinced that there is no real necessity for an at-torney to prosecute a claim which has any merit in it. Their Heads Cut Off and Exhibited in TACOMA, Wash., July 3 .- Late oriental advices state that twenty ringleaders of the

Bureau Will Help a Claimant. Where a soldier has been unable to fur-

nish the necessary proof to establish his claim for pension, the department is not only willing, but anxious, to give the soldier the services of a special examiner, whose entire time may be spent in hunting up the necessary evidence. It has been one of the cherished plans of the present one of the cherished plans of the present commissioner to so amend the law that there could be appointed a traveling board, which would sit at different points throughout the United States and hear testimony for and against claims. This board would weigh carefully the testimony, and, unprejudiced and unbiased, would render an honest opinion. This would save the applicant the fee which the law provides shall go to the attorney. There is no doubt that was assuming large proportions. At last go to the attorney. There is no doubt that there are some attorneys who are of considerable benefit to an applicant for pen-sion, but it cannot be denied that this same benefit could and would be given by the pension office if the soldier only knew how go about it. One of the great troubles with the pension system has been the apparent inequity of the law. One pensioner gets \$8 a month and another one, who seems to be similarly affected, gets \$16. Of course this makes the \$8 man indignant, and if he cannot get an increase he blames the commissioner of pensions, and the attorney who has heen unsuccess. and the attorney who has been unsuccess ful also has a grievance.

Unscrupulous Agents. It has been said that an unprincipled pen-

sion attorney can do more harm than 100 dishonest applicants. A pension attorney who has no interest at heart but the fee from an applicant is not slow in criticising those who are responsible for a just administration of the law, if such administration knocks them out of a fee. Congress itself recognizes that there are disonest pension attorneys and has passed a law to regulate the practice before the de-partment. The act itself was the outcome of impositions, irregular practice and gross perpetrations of fraud upon the soldiers and children of soldiers by unscrupulous and designing persons. The law speaks for itself, and makes fine or imprisonment the penalty for its violation, and gives to the Secretary of the Interior power to disbar from practice those who disobey the pro-visions of the act and violate the profes-sional ethics of the bureau and the depart ment. Before a pension attorney can prosement. Before a pension attorney can prose cute a claim he is required to take an oath hold its laws strictly and adhere to the rules and regulations prescribed.

Bitterest Enemies of the Soldier. In the city of Buffalo 100 claims were filed by a former employe of the govern-

This man paid no attention to law, rules

or regulations, and compelled the young

lady clerks in his office to administer baths

when they had no power to do so, and to

sign papers attesting the signatures of

known. It does not take a very vivid imag-

ination to appreciate the amount of in-

jury such a man does. This class of attor

neys are the bitterest enemies of the old soldiers. It has not been so very long ago

that a man who posed as a pension attor-ney in Washington criticised the commis-

unfriendliness to the old soldier. This same

man in a letter to a client for a pension under the Indian war act said, among other

things, that the whole pension business was a gigantic fraud, and that \$200,000,000 was paid out annually chiefly for fraud. He criticised also the republican

party and paid his compliments incidentally to the "Yankees of the north," and sympa-thized with the "poor people of the south," who had to bear the brunt of the pension

Disbarment of Attorneys.

The commissioner of pensions has been

criticised time and again for unjust dis-

criminations against attorneys, and many

of the disbarments from practice before the

office have been laid at his door. But the

commissioner has not the authority to dis-

bar a man from practice, and the only or-

der which provides for such a thing must be signed and issued by the Secretary of the Interior. The commissioner of pensions, it is true, furnishes the Secretary of the In-

terior with the information upon which he

acts, but the latter is careful to see that every man is given a just hearing before his means of livelihood are taken away

records of the law department, an unscru-

pulous pension attorney corrupted the ex-amining surgeons, with the result that thousands of claims were foisted upon the

rovernment that the claimants themselves

utterly repudiated when their attention was called to them. There is a record of the case of a pension attorney in Rhode Island

who for years drew eighteen illegal pen-sions, and some \$15,000 was pocketed by this man, who posed as the soldier's friend. The records furnish hundreds of

other such cases. Of course it is not con-tended, because there are many dishonest pension attorneys, that the whole class is

corrupt. There are a great many men in the practice of pension law claims who are

The friends of the commissioner of pen-

sions are awaiting with a good deal of in-terest the result of the visit of the commit-tee from the Grand Army which will be

here in a few days to investigate, at the invitation of the commissioner of pensions, the conduct of the pension bureau.

sioner of pensions because of his

ment acting as a pension attorney.

the International Deep Water Association are planning a trip to Canada in August to see the opening of the Soulanges canal. Lyman E. Cooley, American vice president of the association, said Sunday that a party would probably be organized, including as invited guests a dozen or more citizens interested in the deep-waterways movement. Four of the officers of the Deep Water Association are Chicago men.

The new canal is the last link in the

chain of improvements the Canadian gov-ernment has been making along the St. Lawrence river for a number of years. As seen as it is opened, boats drawing sech as it is opened, boats drawing four teen feet of water or less can pass freely from the ocean to the great lakes, and vice versa. This change, according to Mr. Ceoley, who has studied the transportation problems of the country for many years, will have a far-reaching influence

A Pure Food Law Needed. From the New York Journal of Commerce.

A pure food law need not and should no A pure rood law heed not and should not antagonize the interests of the manufac-turer, the jobber or the consumer. Its fund-amental purpose should be to compel man-ufacturers to label their packages, showing the proportions and compositions of con-tents, under a severe penalty for deception This penalty cannot be too heavy, is a fact of experience that moderate fines are no deterrent to violators of such laws. The profits arising from the sale of adulterated articles are so great as to largely nullify the effect of fines.

People Enjoy the Newspapers.

From the Boston Herald. . That a great many people enjoy reading That a great many people enjoy reading what the newspapers have to say about them is demonstrated by the fact that to-day 50,000 persons and \$50,000,000 are employed in the business of making and distributing newspaper clippings among those whom they coacern. Of course, different people have different tastes to be satisfied in this business. There was the late Lord. this business. There was the late Lord Randolph Churchill, for instance, who or-dered everything that pitched into him, He had no taste for the taffy that delights

Feel Their Responsibility. From the Philadelphia North American.

so many public men.

The many serious-faced young men and women whom you meet are not in any great trouble. They are of the '90 crop of

Telegraphy by Steel Ran. From the Paris (Ky.) News. The wind storm last Thursday afternoon blew a large tree across the L. and N.

track two miles north of Paris and blocked the track for about an hour. The tree also broke down' the telegraph wires for 200 yards. Chief Train Dispatcher H. H. Hancock went out on a freight to the scene to see about the accident and took the Paris end of the wire and sent a message to the Paris office by merely tapping on the steel rails with the broken wire. The message came very faintly, but it was correctly taken by Dispatcher Bower, who was on duty. This is the first message of the kind that has ever come under the notice. that has ever come under the notice of A. C. Adair, who has been telegraphing for twenty years, and Dispatcher Hancock, who has been a dispatcher for fifteen years.

Charles R. Pope, United States consul at Toronto under the Harrison adminis-tration, and formerly a wealthy citizen of St Louis, died yesterday at his home in New York. Twenty years ago he built Pope's Theater in St. Louis, which he peronally directed.

There are rumors of more trouble among

the employes of the Big Consolidated Street Railway Company of Cleveland. There may not be another strike, but a meeting of employes has been called for today, at which the question whether the company has lived up to its agreements with the strikers will be discussed.

Mr. J. M. Barr, vice president and general manager of the Norfolk and Western railroad, has resigned.

From the National Magazine. There are two distinct forms of patriotism, probably never before clearly defined

Patriotism.

of the United States as they stand relative ly at present. One man shouts on the Fourth of July: "Hurrah! Hurrah for the stars and stripes that can do no wrong!" The other man makes less noise, but in his heart he vows

that the stars and stripes shall do no The main point for congratulation is that no matter upon which side of public opin-ion an American may stand, he is always more deeply patriotic than he appears to be. The poppycock American spreading

be. The poppycock American spreading the eagle ad nauseum in times of tranquility folds his wings and proceeds to the legitimate business of protecting the stars and stripes with his own life, if need be, at the first danger signal. A pin prick proves that he is not a bladder.

A catboat containing five men was cap-sized near the mouth of the Merrimac river, Massachusetts, yesterday, and Jas. Stead and Thomas Gracio of Lawrence

and differentiated than among the people